

SEASONAL GRAZING APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Fill out Seasonal Grazing Application, you must fill it out completely and correctly before returning it to our office, so if you have any questions on the application itself please call Jeanne at (406) 444-2043. Please designate in the correct box if you are applying for a *Cross-Border permit* or a *Commuter Grazing Permit*. You must also list origin or present locations of your livestock, and the destination of your livestock in the boxes provided on the *single state application*. If you are commuting within Montana, Wyoming, and South Dakota there is a *multiple states application* you will need to fill out with all three locations on the application. If your livestock will be grazing or originating from Wyoming, we require mapping of your calving and grazing grounds by filling in those locations on the *Wyoming and Montana attachments*. You must list the dates you will be grazing during the year, but not to exceed nine months. When listing your contact herds, please put names and addresses of peoples' ranches that your livestock has contact with. You must also indicate if they are contact (c), or intermixing (m) livestock. If you have intermixing livestock, you will need an *affidavit* in place before your grazing application will be approved, unless the intermixing livestock owners also have a commuter grazer permit in place in our office. Please do not write in the box that says "For Office Use Only". On the second page you must fill out what classification your herd is, beef or dairy, and what the predominant breed is. Then you need to list all animals that may be traveling on your commuter grazer. If you have any horses that you will be using for ranching operations they must be listed on the application as well. You will need to individually identify all horses on the application. You may need to attach a separate sheet for this. List color, sex, age, markings, and brands. If they are coggins tested also list the date on the application. If your horses are used for ranching operations only, they will not need a coggins test, but if you anticipate on taking them to rodeos, ropings, or anywhere else they will be required to have a current (12 months) coggins test. Next, you must draw all brands and list their locations. You must then verify that your female cattle meet our brucellosis status requirements and how many years you practiced this as a normal ranching operation. Then you must sign off on the application, followed by your veterinarians name, address, phone number and signature. Your application will not be processed unless all information is correct on the application so please review before sending in to state. Failure to complete the application holds up the processing of your application.
- 2) Once the application is received in our office it will be reviewed and, if everything is properly filled out, given to the State Veterinarian or the Designee for his/her approval.
- 3) Once the State Veterinarian or the Designee signs it, it is then faxed to the destination State Veterinarian's Office for signature and faxed back to Montana. A reference number is then issued and a copy of the completed seasonal grazing plan is mailed to the owner and to the veterinarian.
- 4) You will need to call the destination state you are bordering with to find out their requirements when shipping to their state.
- 5) When your herd is returning to Montana, you will need a re-entry permit, which you can obtain by calling (406) 444-2976, or 2043. Please have your Montana Seasonal Grazing reference number and CVI number.